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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1651
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q63526

NEMORI, Ryoichi, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/786,883

Group Art Unit: 1651

Confirmation No.: 6523

Examiner: Ralph J. Gitomer

Filed: March 9, 2001

For: METHOD OF DETECTING THIOL-CONTAINING COMPOUND

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2002, in which the Examiner set a three-month period for response. Review and reconsideration on the merits in view of the following remarks and amendments is respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A method for measuring a thiol group-containing compound, which comprises the steps of:

(1) contacting a sample containing a thiol group-containing compound with a thin membrane comprising a microparticle of a metal and comprising a hydrophilic